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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shuhei Sakai et al.

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Examiner: Hae Hyeon

Title: *Power Supply Terminal*RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENTMS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter is in response to the examiner's Restriction Requirement of 3/1/2005.

Status of Claims:

- Claims 1-33 are pending
- Claims 1-33 are subject to restriction or election requirement as detailed below:
 - I. Claims 1-11 and 16-33, drawn to a power supply terminal, classified in class 439, subclass 620
 - II. Claims 12-15, drawn to a surface mounting component, classified in class 361, subclass 270

The examiner states in the office action of 03/01/2005 that Inventions II and I are related as combination and subcombination. Figures 1-5 and claims 1-11 and 16-33 of the invention are directed to a power supply terminal (which the examiner has identified as the combination). Figure 6 and claims 12-15 deal with the "electronic part" (which the examiner has identified as the sub-combination) that is used in the power supply terminal as shown in figures 1-5 and as described in claims 1-11 and 16-33. Applicants contend that claims related to figures 1-5 (i.e., claims 1-11 and 16-33) are generic to claims related to figure 6 (i.e., claims 12-15). Specifically, applicants contend that according to M.P.E.P. 806.05(c)(II), when the relationship between the claims is such that the separately claimed subcombination is essential to the combination, a

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requirement for restriction must not be made. Claims 1-11 and 16-33, all recite the essential element of "an electronic part". Hence, applicants contend that the "electronic part" is essential to the power supply terminal, and as per MPEP. 806.05(c)(II), a restriction should not be made.

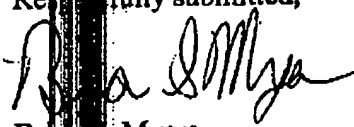
Summary:

Therefore, based on the above-presented arguments, applicants hereby elect group I comprising claims 1-11 and 16-33 with reverse, the combination as shown in figures 1-5. Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement.

This response is being filed with a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fees as well as any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's representative at the below number.

Respectfully submitted,


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